loans and I have already written for a copy of the Act to see whether we can borrow any ideas from it; and after the whole question is investigated the idea of long term agricultural loans may possibly take shape.

109. Needs of the Shertallai taluk.

MR. NARAYANAN KOCHUPILLAI KAIMAL (*Member, Shertallai taluk, Group II*) spoke on the following needs of Shertallai :—

The banks of the Poochakkal canal should be strengthened and a lock should be constructed. The two wooden bridges across the canal, one in the western and the other in the eastern part, should be repaired. A watcher should also be appointed to look after the maintenance of the bridges. Several accidents were now occuring owing to the disrepair of these bridges. A little girl returning from school once fell into the water through an opening in the western bridge caused by the damage of a plank. Fortunately the girl only lost one tooth. Nothing more serious happened. The bridge should be repaired immediately lest such accidents should occur again,

The Pookaithachira between Panavalli and Taikattuseri should be strengthened and a lock should be provided. This was necessary for protecting about 3000 paras of paddy fields in the vicinity against the invasion of salt water.

The Annala canal running midway between Panavalli and Chelattubhagom and across the paddy fields to the east of Thrichattukulam should be deepened and made fit for boat traffic. If this was done, there was also the advantage that the earth dredged from the canal could be used for raising the level of the road running through the paddy fields.

The Thrichattukulam—Chenganda road should be metalled and made cartable.

A cross-road should be opened from the Thaikattuseri Church to Kizhakkumakal ferry and from the church to Thuravur Nadakal.

Another cross road should be opened from Taliyaparampu on the Thrichattukulam-Taikattuseri road to Ulavaippil ferry and from there to the Kodathuruthu school on the Arur road.

The Shertallai-Arukutti road should be completed as soon as possible by building the Chenganda bridge and the necessary culverts.

Two bridges should be built across the canal falling into the Veluthullikayal.

The Shertallai-Arur road should be widened.

The Pullanchira and the Parasserichira should be strengthened.

Two ferry boats should be provided in the Muttom *kayal*. The approaches to the ferry should be raised.

A cross-road should be opened from the Ponnamveli market to Kelamangalathu *kadavu* and from there to Thavana *kadavu*.

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The Director of Agriculture should be instructed to visit the taluk every year, so that agriculture may make due progress in the taluk.

A Munsiff-Magistrate's court should be established at Arukutti This will save much inconvenience to the people of Arur, Thuravur Thaikattuseri, Panavalli and Mattathilbhagom. The additional courts established at Vaikom and Shertallai would no longer be necessary is this court was established.

A new Sub-registrar's office should be established at Pattanakadu and the Sub-registrar's office at Kuthiathodu should be shifted to the eastern bank of the back-waters.

An Ayurveda Vaidyasala should be established at Panavalli.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Narayanan Kochupillai Kaimal, the Chief Engineer is in agreement with you that the banks of the Puchakal todu require raising and strengthening. As you know something was done last year. But that was not quite enough. Therefore I shall ask the Chief Engineer if he can find money this year to spend the thousand rupees or so which he said would be sufficient to effect this improvement.

Then, I do not know why you want two more cheepus there; because it was only last year that three sluices were fitted up.

In regard to the strengthening of the Pukaithachira between Taikattusseri and Panavalli, the Chief Engineer has received an estimate for the work and it is under consideration.

Then you spoke about a child's tooth in relation to a bridge. I shall give immediate instructions that the missing planks should be replaced so that children may not lose any more teeth. The other items you spoke of are (1) widening of the canal running between Panavalli and Chelattubhagom, (2) metalling of the road from the Arukutti-Shertallai road at Thrichattukulam to Taikattusseri, (3) opening of a cross road from Taikattusseri church to Kizhakkuvakkal kadavu and (4) opening of a cross road from Talayolaparampu to Veypil ferry. All these should come up before the new Roads Board which will decide the programme of such works, and you will have an opportunity of stating your case before that Board.

As to agriculture, you seem to think that cocoanut and other pests would take flight at the sight of Dr. Kunjan Pillai. If that is the case, I shall certainly ask him to pay Shertallai a visit, not for a day or two, but for a longer time than that to study the position and to instruct his Inspectors to do the needful and to advise all those who wish to avail themselves of it and to prosper thereby.

In regard to the establishment of a Munsiff-Magistrate's court at Arukutti, the whole question of the redistribution of jurisdictions is going to be taken up and this will be considered along with that general question.

You also touched upon the question of a Sub-registry office which you want somewhere half-way between Vaikom and Arukutti. The

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Director of Registration has already recommended the opening of a temporary Sub-registry office at Pattanakad as an experimental measure.

As regards the question of a Vaidyasala at Panavalli, that will be taken up when the Director of Ayurveda next draws up a programme of grant-in-aid vaidyasalas.

110. Needs of Vaikom.

MR. P. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Member, Vaikom taluk*) spoke on the following needs of Vaikom :—

A new road should be opened from Nereikadavu *via* Udayanapuram and Vaikaprayar to Vadayar bridge.

Another road should be opened from Udayanapuram to Chemmanakari.

The Vaikom-Vechur road should be completed soon.

The Kattampakal-Gnizhur road should be completed.

The Maravanthuruthu-Panjipalam road should be metalled and made a cart road.

The road from the Vaikom-Kizhakeinada to Vazhamana should be metalled and made a cart road.

The Mulakulam-Peruva road should be improved.

A new road should be opened from Talayolaparampu *via* Vellur to Mulakulam.

The Kaduthuruthi-Peruva road should be improved.

The Chullithodu, the Kaniyanthodu, and the Perunchilavanthodu should be improved.

Locks should be provided in the Valampally canal and the Irumpoozhikara-Karakal canal.

The English High School, Vaikom, should be shifted to the site near the back-waters acquired for the purpose.

An English girls' school should be built at Vaikom.

Bridges should be provided at the Murinjapuzha and Poothotta ferries.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Velappan Nair, I am in a position to tell you about some of these roads you mentioned. The others I do not refer to now; you had better bring them up before the new Roads Board.

As regards the completion of the Vaikom-Vechur road, an estimate for Rs. 9000 was sanctioned for the first section of the road and improvements are being carried out. What more is required will also be undertaken.

Then as regards the bridges, you mentioned an estimate has been prepared for about Rs. 17,000 or very nearly Rs. 18,000. That is very costly. Two more todus have to be bridged. The Chief Engineer is going through that question. He is also examining the question of the conversion of the Mammanthuruthi-Panjipalam road into a cart road.

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